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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Sir:

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1. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
2. Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections;
3. Letter to the PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings (*in duplicate*);
4. 16 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-16);
5. Request to Open New Disk File;
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7. One (1) Return Postcard.

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